

Study of Eclipsing Binary and Multiple Systems in OB Associations II. The Cygnus OB Region: V443 Cyg, V456 Cyg and V2107 Cyg

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ABSTRACT

Three presumably young eclipsing binary systems in the direction of the Cygnus OB1, OB3 and OB9 associations are studied. Component spectra are reconstructed and their orbits are determined using light curves and spectra disentangling techniques. V443 Cyg and V456 Cyg have circular orbits, while the light curve of V2107 Cyg

imposes a slightly eccentric orbit ($e = 0.045 \pm 0.03$). V443 Cyg harbours F-type stars, and not young early-A stars as previously suggested in the literature based on photometry solely. It appears to be situated in the foreground (distance 0.6 ± 0.2 kpc) of the young stellar populations in Cygnus. V456 Cyg, at a distance of 0.50 ± 0.03 kpc consists of a slightly metal-weak A-type and an early-F star. The age of both systems, on or very near to the main sequence, remains uncertain by an order of magnitude. V2107 Cyg is a more massive system (8.9 ± 2 and $4.5 \pm 1.2 M_{\odot}$) at 1.5 ± 0.5 kpc and, also kinematically, a strong candidate-member of Cyg OB1. The more massive component is slightly evolved and appears to undergo non-radial β Cep-type pulsations. The Doppler signal of the secondary is barely detectable. A more extensive study is important to fix masses more precisely, and an asteroseismological study would then become appropriate. Nevertheless, the position of the primary in the HR-diagram confines the age already reasonably well to 20 ± 5 Myr, indicating for Cyg OB1 a similar extent of star formation history as established for Cyg OB2.

Subject headings: stars: fundamental parameters – stars: distances – binaries: eclipsing – stars: individual (V443 Cyg, V456 Cyg, V2107 Cyg) – open clusters and associations: individual (Cyg OB1)

1. Introduction

The star forming regions in the constellation Cygnus are among the most active regions of star birth in our Galaxy. An overview of these regions is presented in Reipurth & Schneider (2008). These authors emphasized the confusion of regions as near as hundreds of parsecs with regions at 1–2 kpc and even well beyond, due to the fact that in the direction of Cygnus one looks down a spiral arm. Kinematical distances suffer from the fact that the radial velocity gradient up to 4 kpc is smaller than the typical velocity dispersion of interstellar gas. As a consequence, even the need for the nine classical subgroups OB1 to OB9 in Cygnus is still discussed, with for example a suggestion that OB1, OB8 and OB9 might just form one single subgroup (Melnik & Efremov 1995). Hence, distances derived from young eclipsing binary systems are of value to localise the star forming regions and stellar associations.

A major study of binary stars in Cygnus has focused on Cyg OB2, the most famous and probably youngest subgroup. The Cyg OB2 radial velocity survey encompasses now twenty-five massive binaries (Kobulnicky et al. 2012; Kiminki & Kobulnicky 2012). Another very recent study (Mahy et al. 2013) focus on bright O-type stars. 274 spectra taken over three years reveal four spectroscopic binaries (three in Cyg OB1 and one in Cyg OB9; none in Cyg OB3 and Cyg OB8). Earlier studies discuss binary stars in open clusters superposed on Cyg OB1. Zakirov (1999) presents three eclipsing binaries with early-B primary components which are plausible members of the open cluster IC 4996, but *UBVR* photometry without orbital-phase resolved spectroscopy did

not lead to precise fundamental parameters. Boeche et al. (2004) detect nine binaries out of sixteen stars in the direction of NGC 6913, including seven binary stars (one eclipsing) among the 12 presumed cluster members. They adopt a distance of 1.6 kpc to NGC 6913, but emphasize (their Fig. 2) that the cluster distance cannot be well constrained. Very recently, 60 eclipsing systems in the field of the Cygnus OB7 star forming region were identified by Wolk et al. (2013) from *JHK* photometry in 100 nights spanning 1.5 year. A minority of them (23) are detached systems with orbital periods between 0^d.4 and just over 13 days, and a majority (37) show continuous flux variations with periods ranging from 0.2 to 3 days. Most of the latter are thought to be W UMa contact binaries. These stars have *J* band magnitudes from 12.5 to 17.3, and are identified as diskless field stars. W UMa type contact binaries are not observed in clusters younger than about 1 Gyr. We did not find any literature on later-type binary stars unequivocally identified as members of the young associations.

The stars discussed in this paper are situated in the OB1–OB3–OB9 region. Two of them are suspected to be pre-main sequence systems with A-type components, based on photometric studies (Zakirov & Eshankulova 2005; 2006). They suggest the stars are connected to Cyg OB9 (V443 Cyg) and to a group of OB-stars in the direction of Cyg OB1 (V456 Cyg). Nelson (2011) points out the lack of spectroscopic knowledge for V456 Cyg and leaves open the question whether the primary component of this system is an early-A or a late-A star. The third object, V2107 Cyg (HD 191473), is an early-B system at the end of or slightly off the main sequence with a primary component of luminosity class III to IV (B0.5 III, Roman 1951; B0 IV, Morgan et al. 1955; B1 III, Walborn 1971), and thus a particularly interesting age calibrator. Their position in the Cygnus region, relative to the stellar subgroups, is shown in Fig. 1.

In this paper, we summarize first the characteristics of the observations, and the analysis methodology applied (§ 2 & 3). Thereafter, each of the three binary systems is discussed in turn (§ 4 to 6) and the general conclusions are presented in § 7.

2. Observations

For each object, spectra at 11 to 15 orbital phases were obtained, and the light curve was covered completely in thousands of CCD frames obtained from 2009 to 2011 using various broad-band filters. The journal of the observations is given in Table 1 (spectroscopy) and Table 2 (photometry).

2.1. Spectroscopy

The spectra of V443 Cyg and V456 Cyg were taken with the Faint Object Spectrograph and Camera (TFOSC) installed at the Cassegrain focus of the 1.5-m RTT telescope (RTT150) of the TÜBİTAK National Observatory (TUG), Turkey ($\sim 36^{\circ}49^m$ N, $30^{\circ}20^m$ E, altitude 2500-m).

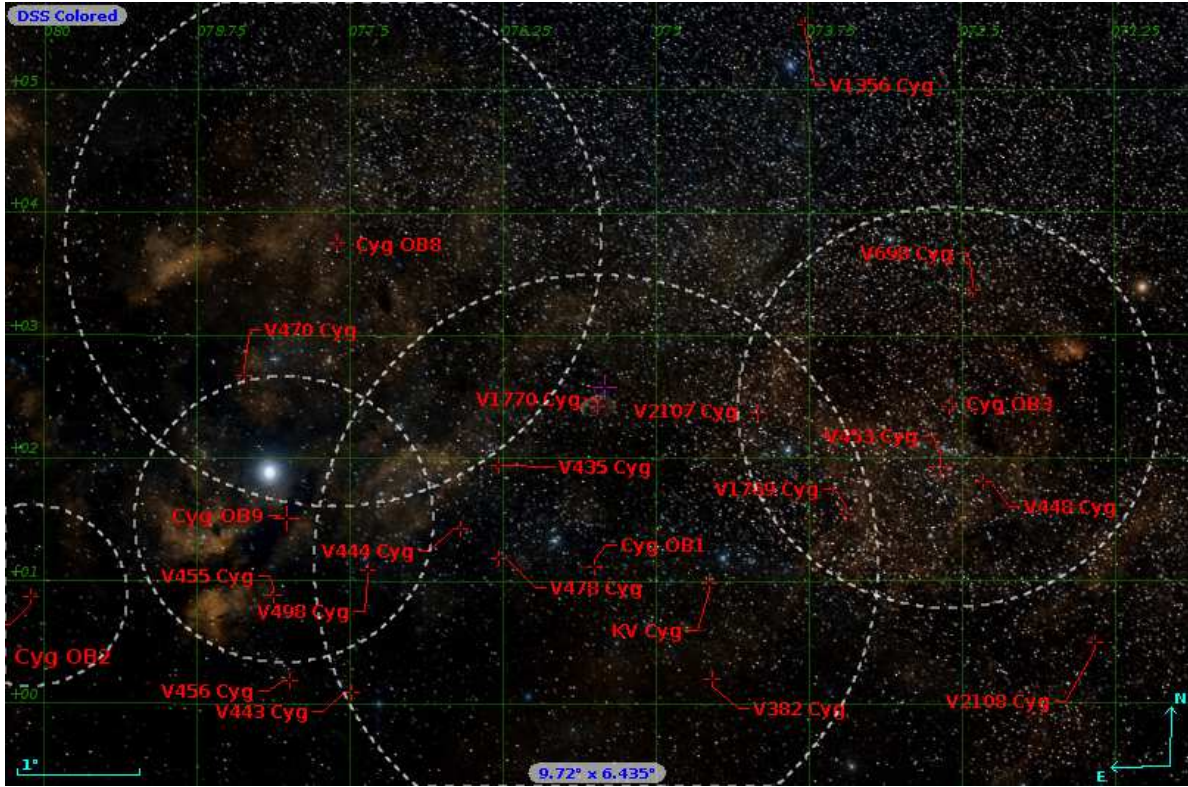


Fig. 1.— Region of OB1,2,3,8,9 stellar associations in Cygnus according to partitions of Blaha & Humphreys (1989).

Table 1. Journal of spectroscopic observations for program stars. Signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio refers to the continuum near 6500 Å.

No	HJD (-2400000)	t_{exp} (s)	S/N	ϕ (ϕ)	Z	HJD (-2400000)	t_{exp} (s)	S/N	ϕ (ϕ)	Z	HJD (-2400000)	t_{exp} (s)	S/N	ϕ (ϕ)	Z
V443 CYG						V456 CYG					V2107 CYG				
1	55455.3990	1200	50	0.477	1.19	55455.3562	1200	155	0.291	1.07	55700.6345	3000	150	0.008	1.18
2	55455.4181	1200	50	0.489	1.27	55455.3758	1200	130	0.313	1.11	55790.6158	3600	150	0.009	1.30
3	55455.4571	1200	50	0.512	1.51	55455.4330	1200	120	0.377	1.34	55743.5015	3000	150	0.013	1.21
4	55455.4751	1200	50	0.523	1.67	55455.4911	1200	105	0.443	1.84	55161.2543	3600	40	0.120	1.56
5	55456.3061	1200	45	0.023	1.01	55456.2268	1200	130	0.268	1.04	55161.2978	3600	40	0.130	2.11
6	55456.4785	1200	30	0.127	1.74	55456.3346	1200	100	0.389	1.04	55162.1473	3600	65	0.328	1.07
7	55456.4960	1200	50	0.137	1.96	55456.5170	1200	110	0.594	2.30	55162.1908	3600	50	0.338	1.20
8	55457.3371	1200	40	0.643	1.05	55456.5320	1200	110	0.611	2.65	55775.6135	3000	150	0.507	1.12
9	55457.3584	1200	50	0.656	1.09	55457.3141	1200	80	0.488	1.02	55163.1388	3600	60	0.560	1.06
10	55457.4734	1200	50	0.725	1.71	55457.4390	1200	90	0.628	1.41	55163.1822	3600	60	0.570	1.18
11	55457.5399	1200	50	0.765	3.04	55457.5106	1200	95	0.709	2.23	55163.2256	3600	60	0.580	1.39
12						55795.4336	1800	150	0.888	1.09	55164.1764	3600	50	0.802	1.17
13											55164.2199	3600	55	0.812	1.37
14											55164.2633	3600	55	0.822	1.74
15											55160.2510	3600	50	0.886	1.51

Table 2. Journal of photometric observations for program stars.

Star Mag., Colors	Comparison/Check Star Mag.	Telescope(s) / Detector(s)	Filter(s)	Number of Data
V443 Cyg	GSC 3152 1079/GSC 3152 567	122-cm / Alta U42	B	409
$V = 12.31$	13.47 / 12.36		V	460
$B - V = 0.51$			R	531
$U - B = 0.05$				
V456 Cyg	GSC 3152 491/GSC 3152 439	40-cm / Alta U47	U	1174
$V = 10.80$	11.12 / 10.53		B	1200
$B - V = 0.31$	0.073 / 0.3		V	1207
$U - B = 0.11$			R	1213
			I	1204
V2107 Cyg	GSC 2683 1295/GSC 2683 191	40-cm - 30-cm / Alta U47, U42 - U47	U	5752
$V = 8.63$	11.19 / 9.51		B	5885
$B - V = 0.10$	0.42 / 0.41		V	6307
$U - B = -0.60$			R	7242

The highest resolution mode was used ($R(\lambda/\delta\lambda) \sim 5100$). The list of grisms and the resulting resolutions can be found in the instrument’s manual¹. The CCD chip has 2048×2048 pixels of 15×15 micron each. The wavelength range from 3300 to 9000 Angström is covered completely in 11 échelle orders. All spectra were obtained in three observing sessions (September 2010, August 2011, October 2011).

The spectroscopic observations of V2107 Cyg were performed at two sites. The Coudé/Échelle Spectrograph (CES) at the RTT150 telescope of TUG gives spectra with a resolving power of $R \sim 40000$ and covers the wavelength range from 3960 to 8770 Angström in 68 spectral orders on a SAO RAS A 1024×1024 nitrogen-cooled CCD camera (see Bikmaev et al. 2005 for technical details). The échelle spectrograph HERMES (Raskin et al., 2011) at the 1.2-m Mercator telescope² was used in high-resolution mode ($R \approx 80\,000$). It covers the wavelength range from 3700 to 9000 Angström in 55 échelle orders, with small gaps between the extreme-reddest orders. Five to six consecutive exposures of 600 seconds keep the Doppler shifts during a single exposure below 1 (2) kms^{-1} for the primary (secondary), respectively, and summed provide a signal-to-noise ratio near 150 over a broad range. The data reduction pipeline of the spectrograph was used with the calibration frames available in standard operation mode, complemented by personally written programmes in the ESOMIDAS package for continuum definition and removal of weaker cosmic rays by intercomparison of the subsequent exposures.

2.2. Photometry

Photometry was performed at the Ulupınar Observatory of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University ($\sim 40^{\circ}06^m$ N, $26^{\circ}30^m$ E, altitude 410-m). The Schmidt-Cassegrain type telescopes and the Alta back-illuminated CCD detectors (Apogee TM) were used. Bias and dark frame subtraction and flat field division was done using the IRAF platform. The C-MUNIPACK³ software was used to perform aperture photometry with the size of the apertures three times the nightly FWHM values of the stellar images. Initially, several comparison and check stars were measured and those giving the lowest standard deviations in their differential magnitudes were selected for final differential photometry.

¹http://www.tug.tug.tubitak.gov.tr/rtt150_tfosc.php

²The Mercator Telescope is operated on the island of La Palma by the Flemish Community, at the Spanish Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos of the Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias.

³<http://c-munipack.sourceforge.net/>

3. Methodology

Orbital periods are taken from the literature (V443 Cyg and V456 Cyg) or determined by combining our data with published measurements (V2107 Cyg) in order to gain precision by exploiting much longer time baselines than covered by our own data alone. As a preliminary step, radial velocities were measured on the spectra for few individual lines, as far as line blending and component intensity allow. Together with published radial velocities, they were used with the purpose to obtain initial orbital parameters for the Fourier spectra disentangling code KOREL (Hadrava, 1995) and FDBINARY (Ilijić, 2003; see also ⁴). These codes solve for the pure Keplerian orbit, and deliver component spectra that are used to determine spectral types and, in particular, the temperature of the primary component. Thereafter, the light curves of the eclipsing systems are modeled, using the PHOEBE LC package (Prša & Zwitter, 2005) which uses the Wilson-Devinney code (Wilson & Devinney, 1971), inclusive the stellar atmosphere model (Kurucz, 1993) and a detailed reflection treatment (Wilson, 1990). Circular orbits represent well the data for V443 Cyg and V456 Cyg. The orbit of V2107 Cyg is very slightly eccentric. The photometry puts a lower limit to $e \cos \omega$ and the spectroscopic solution must be tuned for consistency in the time of periastron passage (§6). The mass ratio for the three systems was fixed to the value obtained from the spectroscopy.

The light curve models used albedos $A_{1,2}$ and gravity darkening coefficients $g_{1,2}$ set to the generally adopted values (Rucinski, 1973; Lucy, 1967). Two-dimensional logarithmic limb-darkening coefficients were interpolated from the values given by van Hamme (1993). The temperature of the primary components were set to the spectroscopically estimated values. Semi-detached and detached configurations were tested. All three systems turn out to be well inside their Roche lobes.

4. V443 Cyg

The orbital period of V443 Cyg is 1^d66220545 (Zakirov & Eshankulova, 2005). The spectra disentangling codes converge to solutions with mass ratio close to unity (Table 3), both in the H_α and the $\lambda 4400$ regions. We used the jackknife method (see e.g. Bissell & Ferguson 1975) to estimate the uncertainties and bias in the parameters, leaving out one spectrum at a time. It reveals that the size and orbital phase distribution of the present set of spectra is near the lower limit required for a robust orbital solution. For example, in the $\lambda 4400$ region including $H\gamma$ and $\text{Mg II } \lambda 4481$, we have nine instead of eleven useful spectra (the two additional ones being too noisy in the blue due to high airmass) and the orbit solution is instable in the sense that leaving out one more spectrum may change the mass ratio by 15 per cent. Thus, the precision of the orbit solution relies on the redder part of the spectrum. A significant gain in precision could be obtained by

⁴<http://sail.zpf.fer.hr/fdbinary/fd3>

doubling the dataset. For example, allowing for (unexplained) subpixel shifts in two spectra that are least consistent with the whole set reduces the uncertainties by a factor of two. This gives an impression of the sensitivity of the present solution to data reduction or/and calibration issues (or to the assumption of the Doppler shifts reflecting a purely Keplerian orbit). The orbit derived from the spectra disentangling is given in Table 4.

The component spectra obtained in the two mentioned wavelength regions (Fig. 2) indicate F-type components, in contrast to the expectation of Zakirov & Eshankulova (2005) whose photometric analysis pointed to young A-type stars. The brightest component of V443 Cyg is similar to HD 128167, while the faintest component is similar to HD 38393; but, apparently, H_α is partly filled-in with emission (Fig. 2). HD 128167 (σ Boo) is a F2V star. Most studies agreed on $T_{\text{eff}} \approx 6700\text{K}$, $\log g \approx 4.3$ and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \approx -0.4$ dex (Edvardsson et al. 1993; Gratton et al. 1996; Cunha et al. 2000; Cenarro et al. 2007). In view of its spectral type F2/3 V, the effective temperature of the primary is fixed to 6700 K in the light-curve analysis. HD 38393 is classified F6.5 V (Gray et al. 2006). Most studies agree on $T_{\text{eff}} \approx 6350\text{K}$, $\log g \approx 4.3$ and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \approx -0.1$ dex (Edvardsson et al. 1993; Gray et al. 2006; Cenarro et al. 2007). Hence, V443 Cyg contains an early-F and a mid/late-F star.

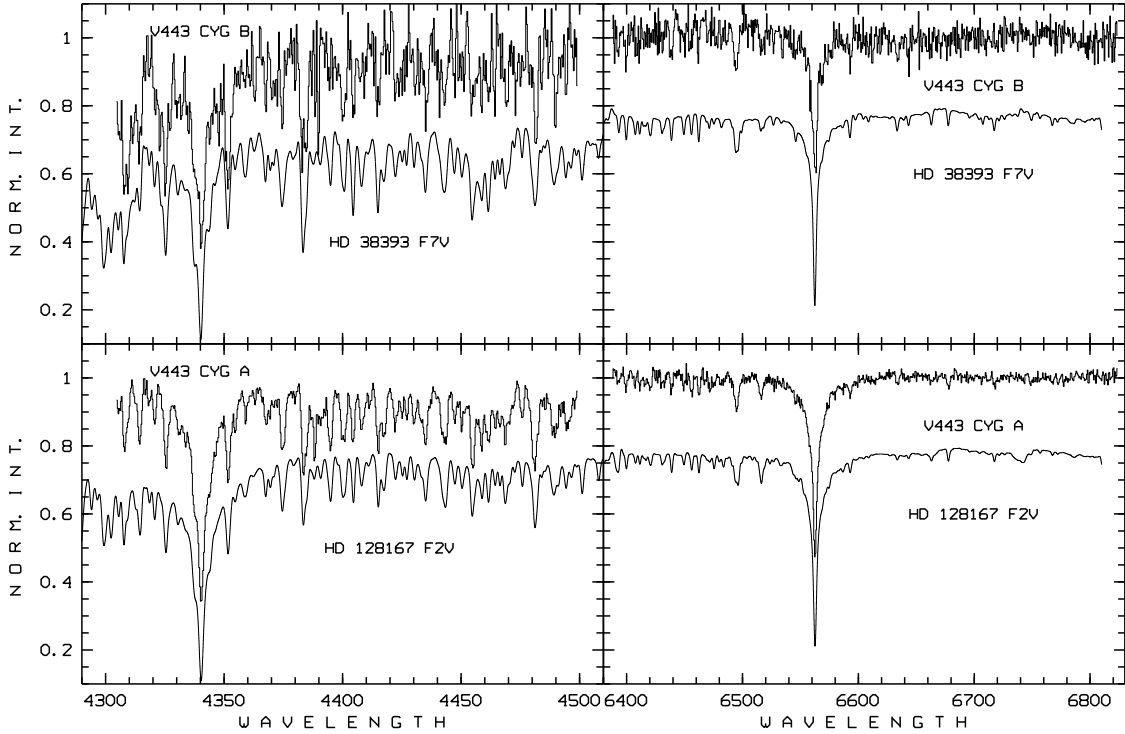


Fig. 2.— Reconstructed component spectra of V443 Cyg, compared to spectra of bright stars in the ESO UVES POP library degraded to the resolution of the TFOSC spectra of V443 Cyg.

5. V456 Cyg

In accordance with Nelson (2011), we used an orbital period of $0^{\text{d}}89119559$. Zakirov & Eshankulova (2006) suggested a parabolic trend in the O–C diagram of V456 Cyg. However, this assumption leads to less consistency between our light and RV data that were obtained at different epochs. Moreover, we notice that the more recent orbital period published in Hoffman et al. (2008), $P_{\text{NSVS}} = 0^{\text{d}}61634$, based on the NSVS photometry (Wozniak, Vestrand, Akerlof et al. 2004), is an alias of the true period, $P_{\text{NSVS}}^{-1} - P_{\text{true}}^{-1} = 0.5004$. It is in disagreement with the extensive list of eclipse timings in the literature. This is also the case for several other stars in that paper.

The RVs given by Nelson (2011), shifted by -4.6 km s^{-1} , were used together with ours to determine the initial parameters for the spectra disentangling codes. This shift was determined comparing for both data sets the linear relation between the RVs of both components, with the gradient giving the mass ratio q (identical for both sets) and the zero-point defined by $(1 + q)V_{\gamma}$. While not stated explicitly in his paper, we suspect that the velocities of Nelson, by the use of templates, are relative to the systemic velocity of the system rather than on an absolute velocity scale. The applied shift is estimated to be uncertain by 1.5 km/s .

The orbit derived from the spectra disentangling is given in Table 4. When analysed separately, the Nelson RVs give 5 percent lower velocity amplitudes. Therefore, the formal uncertainties (1 percent) on K_1 and K_2 should be interpreted with caution. Uncertainties of 2.5 percent on the masses may be more realistic.

The reconstructed component spectra of V456 Cyg (Fig. 3) definitely rule out ‘Model 1’ of Nelson (2011). The hydrogen lines of the primary are consistent with late-A type stars, with H_{α} suggesting A9 and H_{γ} rather A7. The Balmer lines do not show the strongly Stark broadened wings of early-A type stars, and the dynamical analysis does not leave space to consider higher luminosity. However, the ratios of $\lambda 4417$ (Fe II and Ti II blend) and Ti II $\lambda 4444$ to Mg II $\lambda 4481$ suggest A4, and Ca I $\lambda 4227$ and the Ca II K line (the latter not disentangled, but when the secondary component is eclipsed) suggest A2. Thus, one is tempted to classify V456 Cyg A as a slightly metal-weak star, A2hA7mA4. Its rotation velocity is $100 \pm 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. With the hydrogen lines being the most sensitive temperature parameter, the temperature of V456 Cyg A is fixed at $7750 \pm 150 \text{ K}$ for the light curve analysis.

The Mg II $\lambda 4481$ line is stronger than Fe I $\lambda 4383$, and the Mg II line does not show a greater weakening than the general metallic-line spectrum with respect to the hydrogen lines. As both of these criteria are contrary to what is seen in *most* λ Bootis stars (see e.g. Gray 1988), the star very probably does not belong to this class. Whether the hydrogen lines are in a subtle way peculiar, as seen in λ Bootis type stars, is not easily evaluated on the reconstructed spectrum.

The secondary component rotates significantly slower, but a precise estimate is hard at the TFOSC resolution. We put an upper limit of 50 km s^{-1} to $v \sin i$. The star shows a general

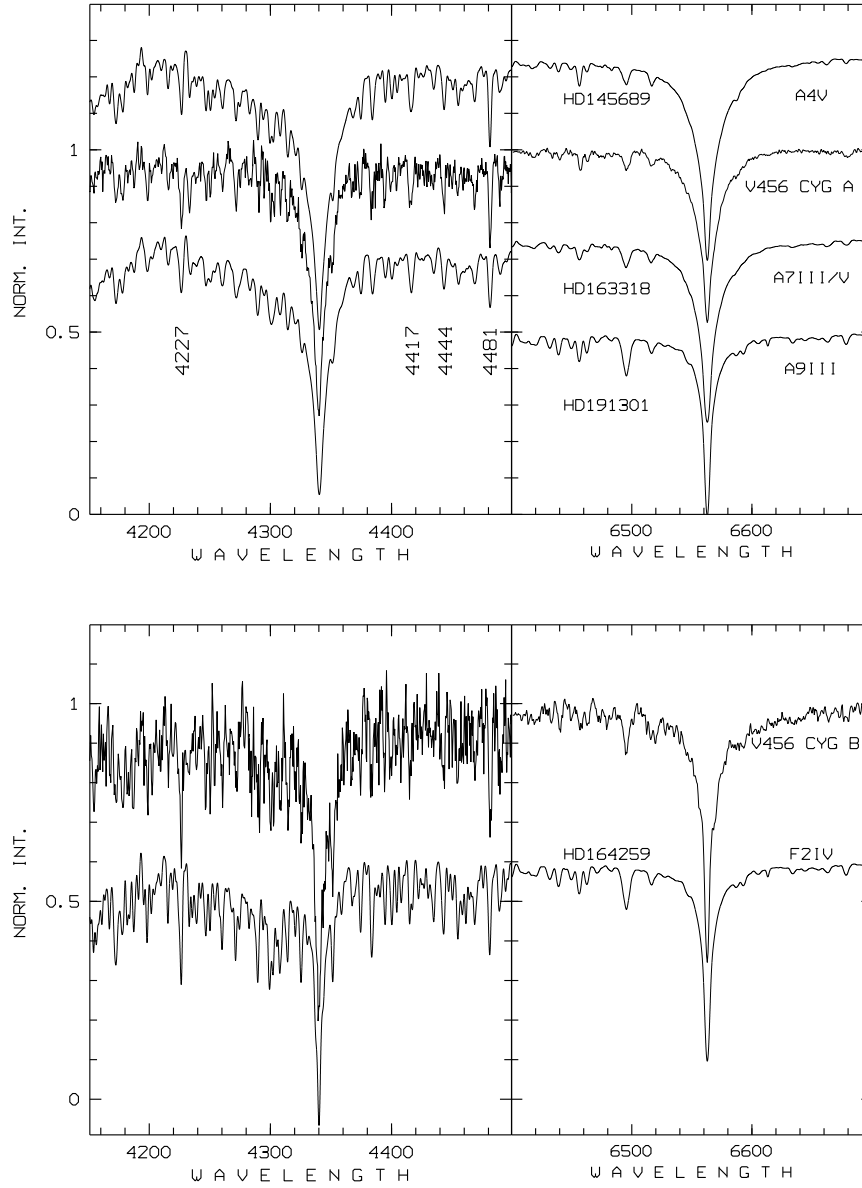


Fig. 3.— *Upper*: Parts of the disentangled spectrum of V456 Cyg A compared to UVES POP spectra of A-type stars degraded to the resolution of the TFOSC instrument. The UVES POP spectra were ‘normalised’ tracing a linear approximation to the continuum in each of the regions. Velocity shifts were applied to all spectra to ease comparison of spectral lines. *Lower*: Parts of the disentangled spectrum of V456 Cyg B compared to an early-F star in the UVES POP library.

resemblance with the degraded high-resolution UVES spectra of HD 164259, a F2IV star, although not perfectly. The noise level in the reconstructed spectrum of the fainter companion and the restricted resolution do not permit to confirm independently a slightly low metallicity as seen in the primary.

The system certainly deserves a more detailed analysis at higher resolution. In conclusion, the reconstructed spectra show a system consisting of a late-A and early-F spectrum, with at least the primary being somewhat metal-weak.

Fig. 7 shows the best-fitting LC models and Table 5 the associated parameters. Table 6 lists the characteristics of the components and the orbit, as derived from the combined spectroscopic-photometric analysis. Our solution is near to Nelson’s (2011) ‘Model 2’, but in some aspects different. Nelson’s problem of disparate ages related to the radius of the less massive star and its $\log g$ being larger than for the primary does not survive in our solution ($1.68 + 1.47R_{\odot}$; $\log g = 4.26 + 4.30$). We find also masses 8% higher (while agreeing on the mass ratio), and the luminosity of the primary exceeds Nelson’s by 30%. The system is at a distance of 0.50 ± 0.03 kpc.

With the precision obtained for this system, a discussion of its position in the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram is interesting. The stars are slightly too cool and too small for their masses, unless a metallicity as high as $Z = 0.035$ is assumed. The least we can state is that the photosphere does not provide arguments for an enhanced metallicity. Therefore, it appears worthwhile to investigate the option that the system might be young, near to but still on its way to the main-sequence. A comparison with the tracks of Bertelli et al. (2009) shows an encouraging agreement (see Fig. 8), although the less massive component is predicted further from the main-sequence than observed. In order to discern whether the system is arriving at the zero age main sequence (25 Myr), or older (315 Myr) with higher metallicity, more detailed spectroscopy is required. Any age between the quoted extremes is presently still an option.

6. V2107 Cyg

Phasing our photometry together with the HIPPARCOS satellite photometry, the orbital period was fixed to $4^{\text{d}}.2846$. An earlier spectroscopic study (Mercier 1957, further M57) suggested an orbit with small eccentricity ($e = 0.045$). Lucy & Sweeney (1971), further LS71, in a paper rejecting low-eccentricity orbits for many systems after considering the bias in the determination of e (towards larger e for low e), confirmed that the orbit of V2107 Cyg is probably not circular ($p = 0.011$) and updated the orbital parameters, inclusive $e = 0.070$. Therefore, a discussion of the reality of a non-circular orbit despite the 4-day period is presented in § 6.2.

Since the secondary star is occulted completely during six hours around phase 0.5, the spectrum of the hotter component (A) is observed directly. The spectrum of the secondary is not readily visible in any of the observed spectra, even after (scaled) subtraction of the observed pure component-A spectrum. The light curve suggests a contribution of the secondary to the total

light of only 6 per cent. Hence, a large range of K_2 must be explored in the spectral disentangling. A further complication in identifying the signal of the secondary is posed by the line profile variability in the primary.

Hence, we discuss in subsequent subsections first the spectrum of V2107 Cyg A and the character and cause of the variable metal line profiles. Then, we evaluate the need for a non-circular orbit. And finally, the orbit and the fundamental parameters of the stars are presented.

6.1. The spectrum of V2107 Cyg A

The spectrum of the hotter component (A) is observed directly near phase 0.5. Comparison with pure rotation profiles (Gray, 1992, $\epsilon = 0.6$) for ten sufficiently unblended metal lines between 4260 and 5740 Angström, mainly due to Si III and O II, suggests an apparent rotation velocity of $v \sin i = 84 \pm 4 \text{ kms}^{-1}$. This value should be interpreted as an upper limit to $v \sin i$ as other velocity fields (macroturbulence, pulsations, etc.) were not considered. A comparison of hydrogen and helium lines with model calculations (LTE line-blanketed models with depth dependent non-LTE line formation computations, as described in Vrancken et al., 1997), fixing $\log g = 3.6 \text{ cgs}$ as derived from the analysis of the binary, suggests $T_{eff} = 22500 \pm 1500 \text{ K}$. The uncertainty takes into account that better models are required as lines or line cores formed in higher photospheric layers are inadequately represented (Fig. 4). Such detailed analysis is out of the scope of this paper.

Most metal lines show asymmetric line cores. The high-resolution spectra observed at three different epochs in primary eclipse (Fig. 5) confirm that V2107 Cyg A is an intrinsic spectrum variable. Since these spectra were taken at essentially the same orbital phase, the origin of the variability is not due to the binary character. With local changes in line depth of up to four percent, the origin must be in the primary component rather than in the secondary that contributes only six percent to the total flux.

Temperature and gravity place V2107 Cyg A in the β Cephei instability strip. The observed type of line profile variations suggests strongly it is a non-radial pulsator. The photometry supports this viewpoint: the residuals of the orbital light curve show evidence for short-term light variability (Fig. 6). In order to enhance the sensitivity for low-amplitude variations, the check was performed on the highest-quality data, with estimated rms uncertainties of 0.005 to 0.008 mag. The selected data set contains 2269 measurements obtained in 15 nights in a time interval of two years, with nightly series covering 2.2 to 6.7 hours. Data in ingress and egress of eclipses were avoided.

The photometric data are suggestive of short-term light variability, either multi-periodic or irregular. A period search did not single out any dominant frequency, although several peaks (many of them aliases of each other) are above the noise level. Test computations with artificial data and combinations of two frequencies with peaks in the observed power diagram indicate that

the noise level and the observed time windows may be insufficient to retrieve the true frequencies uniquely. Nevertheless, the observed light and spectrum variability should encourage larger-scale observational efforts.

6.2. Circular orbit?

M57 determined the spectroscopic orbit from radial velocity measurements on 16 plates obtained between July 27 and November 23, 1955. Depending on the plate, 4 to 6 line positions were measured (He I λ 4009.27, λ 4120.81, λ 4026.19, λ 4387.93 and $H\gamma$ and $H\delta$). He notes that only He I λ 4009.27 and λ 4387.93 are of good quality to measure RVs. Table 3 compares his orbit solution to others derived from the same data and discussed here. All these solutions used $P4^d$ 2876 as in M57, but it was checked that updating the orbital period to the value we derived (4^d 2846) has negligible influence.

Computing the least-squares eccentric and circular orbits, we confirm the low probability that the orbit is circular ($p = 0.011$) and the LS71 orbital parameters, except their deviating value for the time of periastron passage. The uncertainties mentioned in our solution are computed with the formalism developed in LS71. In view of the evidence for non-radial pulsations that would influence the line position measurements in a non-random way, we used also the jackknife method to estimate bias in the orbital parameters and uncertainties. The bias does not exceed the $1\text{-}\sigma$ level, but, more importantly, the jackknife method suggests larger uncertainties, by a factor of about 2, for K and e . Adopting these uncertainties suggest not to reject a circular orbit (if we use the LS71 criterion $p > 0.05$). Hence, the M57 data may not be sufficient to reject a circular orbit. Using our set of spectroscopic data does not lead to a stronger conclusion.

However, the light curve provides a completely new piece of evidence. Fitting a circular orbit leaves in ingress and egress of the secondary eclipse systematic residuals that can be removed for a phase separation between the eclipses that is slightly different from half a period, in the sense that the secondary eclipses seen in the BVR data occur slightly earlier than half a period after primary eclipse, requiring $e \cos \omega \geq 0.015$. Notice that the Hipparcos data indicate an opposite effect, if any. However, these data are less straightforward to interpret, both because the eclipses are sparsely covered (from observations in different orbital cycles), and because a significant part of the data in eclipse tends to have larger than average uncertainty estimates in the Hipparcos catalogue. Taken at face value, a varying time separation between the eclipses might indicate motion of the line of apsides.

Therefore, we searched for solutions that would represent as well our photometric data, as the Hipparcos ones, and the Mercier spectroscopy. The search was made for $0.015 \leq e \leq 0.07$ taking into account that ω may change with time. Towards the larger eccentricities in this interval, the ω value at the time of the recent photometry is nearer to (as compared with the M57 epoch) but larger than 90 degrees.

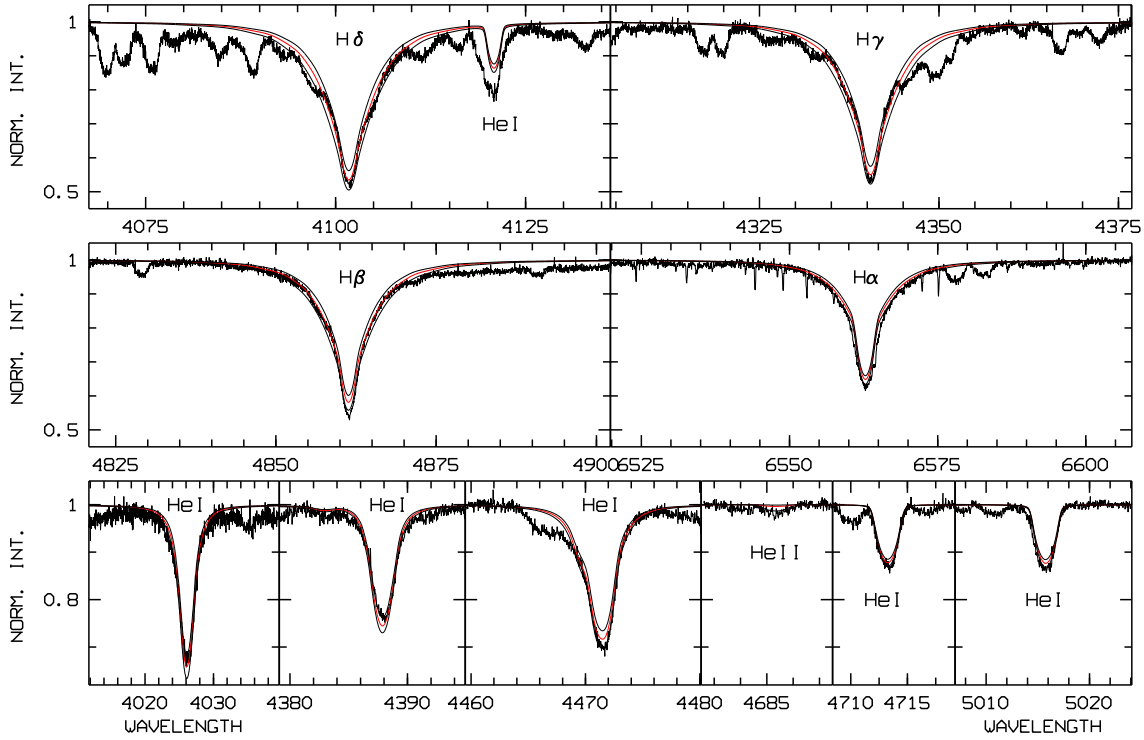


Fig. 4.— Hydrogen and helium lines in total eclipse of V2107 Cyg (pure spectrum of the primary) compared to models for $\log g = 3.6$ cgs (see Table 6) and effective temperatures of 20 000 (black line), 22 000 (red line) and 24 000 K (black line). The red line is the fit for the intermediate temperature. Deeper absorption in the models corresponds to lower temperature, except for the He II line. Notice that He I $\lambda 4121$ is heavily blended by metal lines, while the red wing of H β is affected by a diffuse interstellar band.

Table 3. Orbital solutions of V2107 Cyg based on the M57 data. LS71 refers to Lucy & Sweeney (1971), the last three column contain our computations (least-squares eccentric orbit, least-squares circular orbit, jackknife bias-corrected orbit).

Parameter	M57	LS71	ecc	cir	jack
K (km/s)	106.5	106.8	107.3 ± 1.6	104.6	106.0 ± 4.0
e	0.045	0.070	0.073 ± 0.015	0	0.06 ± 0.03
ω (deg)	134	122	121 ± 14		115 ± 17
$T_p - 2\,435\,400$	30.78	29.158	30.60 ± 0.01		30.53 ± 0.20
V_{sys} (km/s)	-3.7	-3.8	-3.8	-3.9	
$f(M)$ (M_\odot)	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.51	0.53
$\sigma(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{C})$ (km/s)	4.8	5.0	4.3	6.5	

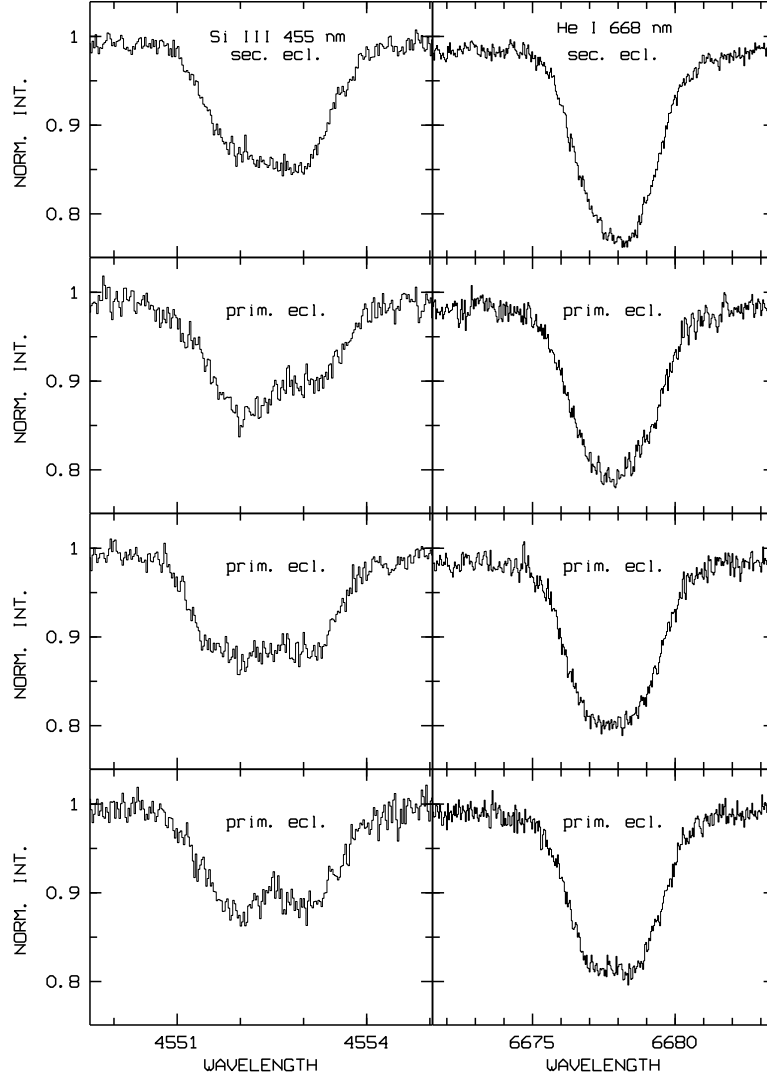


Fig. 5.— Line variability seen in two lines. The upper panel shows the spectrum of V2107 Cyg A (mid-secondary eclipse). The three lower panels show primary eclipse spectra taken during three different orbital cycles. In each case 5 to 6 subsequent 10-minute exposures were added after small shifts to correct for the orbit.

However, we were unable to constrain the eccentricity in this way, as the Hipparcos photometry requires ω somewhat below 90 degrees, but not that much that almost one full apsidal motion period would have elapsed from M57 to the present time. Higher-precision data are needed to pinpoint the small eccentricity. From the available data we conclude $e = 0.045 \pm 0.03$. In order to show the need for a non-circular orbit, Fig. 7, lower panel, shows the solution for $e = 0.045$ and $\omega = 102^\circ$, as well as for a circular orbit.

Using the H_α region of our spectroscopy, we do not find support for combinations (e, ω) as derived from photometry for $e \geq 0.03$, in the sense that such combinations do not lead to solutions with lower chi-square than with a circular orbit. However, in view of the restricted number of spectra and their phase distribution we prefer not to use this argument to exclude firmly slightly higher eccentricity. Fortunately, K_1 depends on the assumed value e only at the $\pm 1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ level. The value of K_1 is consistent with radial velocity measurements obtained directly from specific lines (but this classical method leads to larger uncertainty in K_1).

The dependency of K_2 on e is negligible in view of the much larger uncertainty associated with the fact that the signature of the Doppler movement of the faint secondary component is detected only marginally. The signal-to-noise ratio of the CES spectroscopy is insufficient to reconstruct any specific feature in the spectrum of the secondary. Only the integrated Doppler signal is detected. In view of the marginal detection, an effort was made to map the multi-dimensional chi-square space in the neighbourhood of the deepest minima, for a circular orbit (Fig. 8). Test computations for slightly eccentric orbits shows that details of the geometry in chi-square space change with e , but not the global structure.

The detailed gridding reveals the existence of various chi-square minima similar in depth for $185 \leq K_2 \leq 230 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, while K_1 and the phase of maximum velocity are well-determined. We constructed the grid up to far outside of this K_2 range, for $K_2 > K_1$, but found no similar minima outside the range quoted above. The most prominent minima are suspiciously narrow, in view of the width of the core of the H_α line, and possibly linked to structure in the noise or in the spectra (telluric lines, pulsation?). Therefore, the right-hand side panel of Fig. 8 presents a smoothed version of the chi-square space. The uncertainty quoted for the final spectroscopic orbit (Table 4) and the fundamental parameters of the components (Table 6) take into account the location of the multiple minima, rather than selecting quite arbitrary one of the narrow minima.

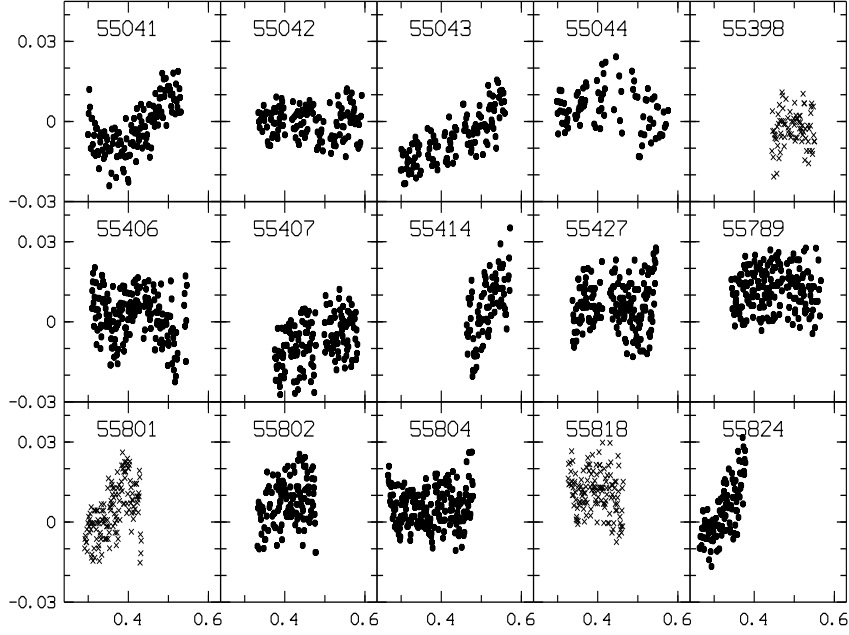


Fig. 6.— Photometric variability of residuals from the LC solution of V2107 Cyg. Number in each panel is Julian Day – 2400000.

Table 4. Spectroscopic orbital parameters of program stars. The numbers between brackets behind the value of the period are the uncertainties in the last digits of P .

Parameter	V443 Cyg	V456 Cyg	V2107 Cyg	
			Sol.1	Sol.2
P (days)	1.66220545(43)	0.89119559(17)	4.2845923(25)	
T_0 ($HJD - 2450000$)	5456.2677(0.0025)	5455.0966(0.0016)	5259.3024(0.0004)	
K_1 (km s^{-1})	117.4 (6.2)	152.1 (1.7)	104 (1.5)	
K_2 (km s^{-1})	120.2 (4.2)	179.4 (1.7)	187 (5)	207(20)
e [fixed]	0.0	0.0	<0.03	
V_γ (km s^{-1})	-19.7 (0.7)	-4.2 (1.0)	-6.3 (0.2)	
$q(M_2/M_1)$	0.977(0.067)	0.848(0.018)	0.56(0.02)	0.50(0.06)

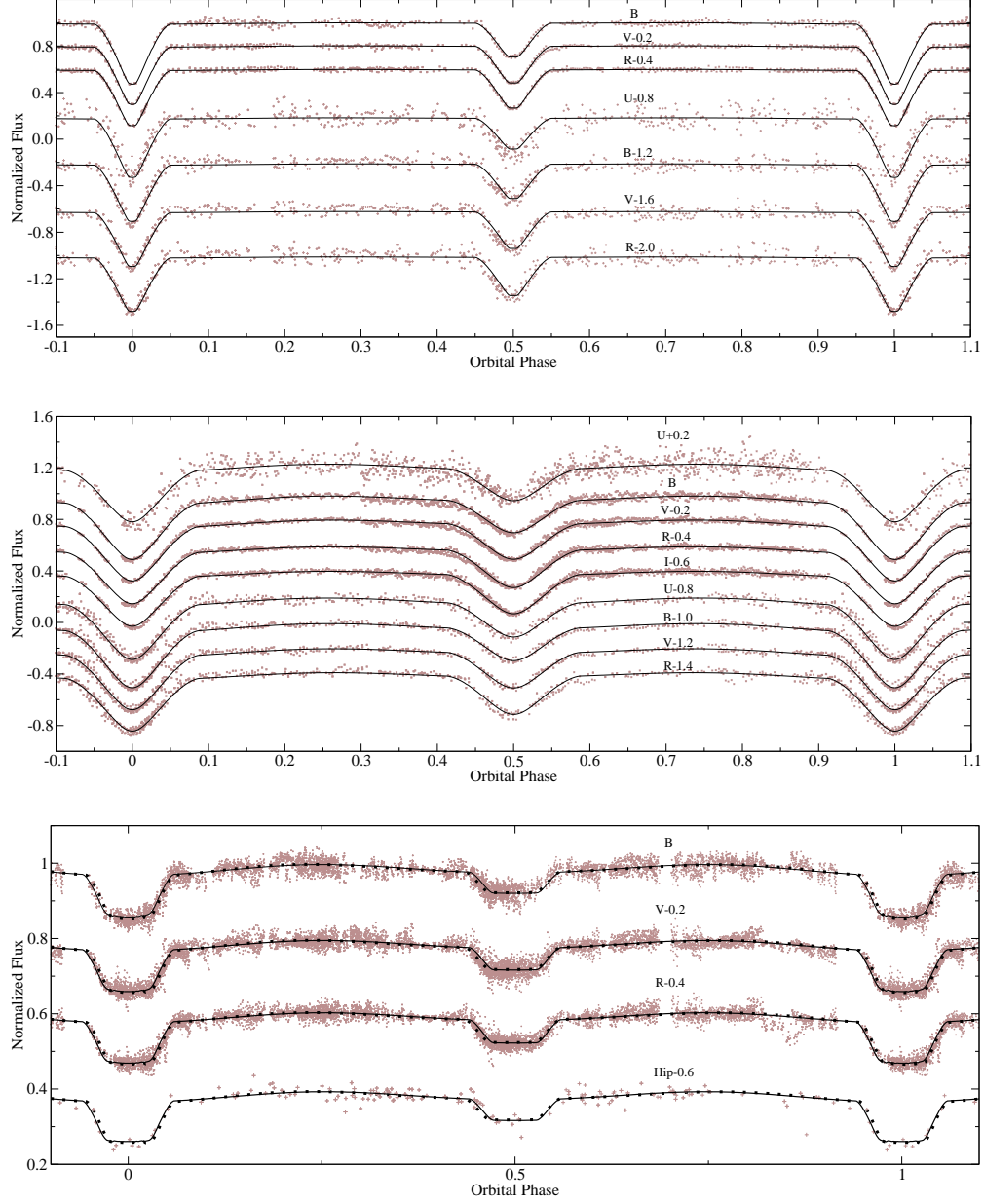


Fig. 7.— Best fitting LC models (*solid lines*) for V443 Cyg (*top*), V456 Cyg (*middle*) and V2107 Cyg (*bottom*). For V443 Cyg and V456 Cyg, LC data belonging to present study and Zakirov & Eshankulova (2005, 2006) are shown with cross and plus signs, respectively. Eccentric orbit solution for V2107 Cyg is shown with black dots.

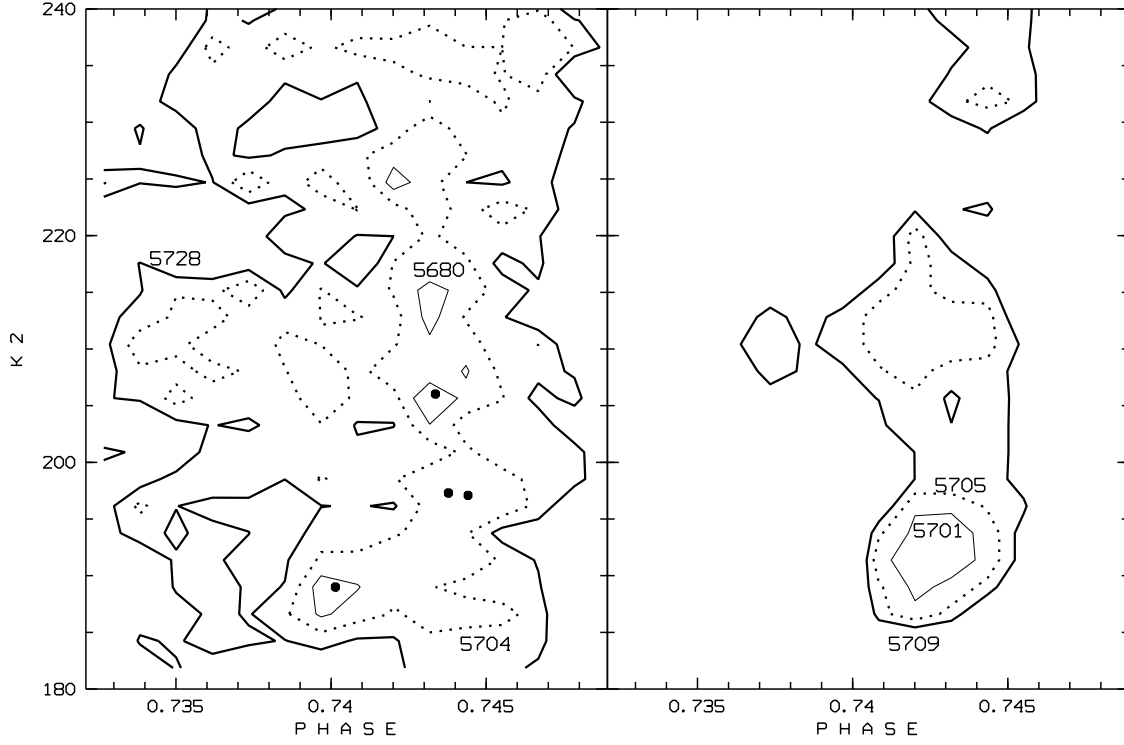


Fig. 8.— χ^2 map for the H_α region of V2107 Cyg, as seen in the plane (ϕ, K_2) , without (left panel) and with median filtering (right panel) to disregard very narrow χ^2 structure. See explanation in § 6.2.

7. Discussion

Table 6 lists the characteristics of the components and their orbits, as derived from the combined spectroscopic–photometric analysis. The proper motions were taken from Roeser, Demleitner, & Schilbach (2010), while the distances and systemic velocities of the systems were derived in this study. The space velocity components of the systems were calculated using the algorithm of Johnson & Soderblom (1987) and corrected for the local standard of rest ($U, V, W = 8.50, 13.38, 6.49$) kms^{-1} (Coşkunoğlu et al., 2011). The total space velocities of V2107 Cyg, V443 Cyg and V456 Cyg are 63, 72 and 14 kms^{-1} , respectively. Applying the N-body code of Dinescu et al. (1999) shows that the three systems move in the Galaxy in moderately eccentricity (Galactic) orbits ($e = 0.17, 0.18, 0.07$ for V2107 Cyg, V443 Cyg and V456 Cyg, respectively). These eccentricities show that the three systems belong to the thin-disc population. However, V2107 Cyg is at a distance of 1.5 ± 0.5 kpc to us, while V443 Cyg (at 0.6 ± 0.2 kpc) and V456 Cyg (at 0.50 ± 0.03 kpc) are much nearer to us.⁵ The Mel’nik & Efremov (1995) distance estimate of Cyg OB1 (1.4 kpc) and the Tetzlaff et al. (2010) space velocity components ($U, V, W = 45(2), -27(2), -7(2)$ kms^{-1}) are compatible with V2107 Cyg, that we consider a strong candidate member of this stellar group. The next subsection discusses shortly the implications for the star formation history of Cyg OB1.

7.1. V2107 Cyg and the age of Cyg OB1

The primary component is obviously near the end of the main-sequence, while the secondary is near the zero-age main-sequence. The fundamental stellar parameters of the secondary suggest a spectral type B5 V. In view of the light contribution of about six per cent to the total light, core of the diluted Hydrogen lines would be three per cent deep in the observed spectra and the strongest metal lines, Mg II $\lambda 4481$ would be one per cent deep in case of rotation synchronized with the orbit. In order to detect these lines with confidence one requires on the order of 15 spectra with S/N of 100. Fig. 9 shows the location of the components in the $\log T_{eff} - \log L$ plane, and isochrones calculated using the web interface⁶. A solar mixture was assumed, i.e. $Z=0.017$, $Y=0.26$. Despite the present uncertainties, the age of the system can be constrained to 20 ± 5 Myr due to the favourable position of the primary component. The age estimate of 7.5 Myr for the group as a whole (Mel’nik & Efremov 1995) suggests that star formation may have been on-going for at least 10^7 yr. Hence, as well in Cyg OB1 as in Cyg OB2 (Comeron & Pasquali 2012), there is evidence in favour of sustained star formation for well over 10 Myr.

This study identifies V2107 Cyg as an extremely interesting binary star with the potential to constrain the duration of the star formation process in the Cyg OB1 association with precision.

⁵Bolometric corrections from Straižys & Kuriliene 1981, and $M_{V,\odot} = 4.75$ mag were used.

⁶<http://stev.oapd.inaf.it/YZVAR/cgi-bin/form>

Table 5. Results from the simultaneous solution of LCs of program stars in several filters. Adjusted and fixed parameters are presented in separate panels of the table. Uncertainties of adjusted parameters, as suggested by WD-code, are given in brackets.

Parameter	V443 Cyg	V456 Cyg	V2107 Cyg
Adjusted:			
$T_{\text{eff}2}(K)$	6200(11)	6755(10)	15200(100)
$L_1/L_{1+2}(U)$	0.700(0.010)	0.653(0.010)	-
$L_1/L_{1+2}(B)$	0.694(0.007)	0.693(0.007)	0.942(0.001)
$L_1/L_{1+2}(V)$	0.665(0.005)	0.672(0.002)	0.938(0.001)
$L_1/L_{1+2}(R)$	0.658(0.004)	0.639(0.005)	0.943(0.001)
$L_1/L_{1+2}(I)$	-	0.624(0.002)	-
$L_1/L_{1+2}(Hp)$	-	-	0.938(0.002)
Ω_1	6.78(0.04)	4.388(0.010)	4.17(0.01)
Ω_2	8.18(0.04)	4.500(0.006)	7.32(0.01)
Ω_{cr}	3.73	3.49	2.99
$r_1(\text{mean})$	0.172(0.020)	0.285(0.008)	0.280(0.003)
$r_2(\text{mean})$	0.140(0.030)	0.250(0.005)	0.092(0.005)
$i(^{\circ})$	89.9(0.5)	82.9(0.4)	86.2(0.5)
e	0.0	0.0	0.045(0.03)
$w(^{\circ})$	-	-	102 (2)
Fixed:			
P (days)	1.66220545	0.89119559	4.2845923
T_0	2 455 454.6041	2 455 455.0958	2 455 259.3024
$T_{\text{eff}1}(K)$	6700	7750	22500
$q(M_2/M_1)$	0.98	0.85	0.50
$A_1 = A_2$		1.0	
$g_1 = g_2$		1.0	
$F_1 = F_2$		1.0	

Table 6. Close binary stellar parameters of the program stars. Uncertainties of parameters are given in brackets.

Parameter	V443 Cyg		V456 Cyg		V2107 Cyg	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Sp	F2/3V	F8V	A2hA7mA4V	F3V	B1III	...
M (M_{\odot})	1.2(0.2)	1.1(0.3)	1.86(0.06)	1.58(0.05)	8.9(2.0)	4.5(1.3)
R (R_{\odot})	1.3(0.2)	1.1(0.2)	1.68(0.02)	1.47(0.02)	7.4(0.6)	2.4(0.3)
a (R_{\odot})	9.40(0.33)		5.88(0.06)		26.4(1.9)	
P (days)	1.66220545(43)		0.89119559(17)		4.2845923(25)	
i ($^{\circ}$)	89.9(0.5)		82.9(0.4)		86.2(0.5)	
q (M_2/M_1)	0.98(0.09)		0.85(0.02)		0.50(0.06)	
R_L (R_{\odot})	3.54		2.15		8.57	
e	0.0		0.0		<0.03	
$\log g$ (cgs)	4.25(0.23)	4.42(0.26)	4.258(0.027)	4.302(0.027)	3.65(0.17)	4.3(0.2)
V (mag)	12.31(0.03)		10.80(0.03)		8.63(0.02)	
$B - V$ (mag)	0.51(0.09)		0.31(0.02)		0.10(0.05)	
$E(B - V)$ (mag)	0.13(0.15)		0.11(0.05)		0.335(0.045)	
A_V (mag)	0.42(0.15)		0.35(0.08)		1.04(0.14)	
$(B - V)_0$ (mag)	0.38(0.06)		0.20(0.02)		-0.23(0.05)	
T_{eff} (K)	6700(350)	6200(550)	7750(100)	6755(400)	22500(1500)	15200(1600)
$\log L$ (L_{\odot})	0.52(0.27)	0.20(0.21)	0.96(0.05)	0.61(0.06)	4.10(0.18)	2.5(0.5)
M_{bol} (mag)	3.46(0.67)	4.25(0.53)	2.35(0.11)	3.23(0.14)	-5.5(0.5)	-1.4(1.2)
M_V (mag)	3.44(0.65)	4.27(0.53)	2.32(0.12)	3.21(0.14)	-3.4(0.6)	-0.1(1.2)
BC (mag)	0.02(0.02)	-0.02(0.05)	0.03(0.01)	0.02(0.01)	-2.2(0.2)	-1.3(0.2)
$K_{1,2}$ (km s^{-1})	117.4(6.2)	120.2(4.2)	152.1(1.7)	179.4(1.7)	104(1.5)	207(20)
V_{γ} (km s^{-1})	-19.7(0.7)		-2.7(1.0)		-6.3(0.2)	
V_{synch} (km s^{-1})	41(7)	33(6)	95(1)	83(1)	87(7)	29(4)
V_{rot} (km s^{-1})	100(10)	...	84(4)	...
d (pc)	600(200)		500(30)		1500(500)	
$\mu_{\alpha} \cos \delta, \mu_{\delta}$ (mas yr^{-1})	-11.1(2.2), -15.8(2.2)		5.6(1.2), 1.3(1.1)		-4.8(1.3), -6.5(1.3)	
U (km s^{-1})	48.98(22.39)		-10.66(2.73)		49.76(19.06)	
V (km s^{-1})	-31.05(5.02)		-0.46(1.14)		-20.79(5.46)	
W (km s^{-1})	-0.57(6.22)		-9.02(2.84)		3.14(8.70)	

More extensive high-resolution spectroscopy, as already obtained at the mid-eclipses, is required to constrain K_2 precisely (and thus the mass of the primary). Moreover, with the secondary component of V2107 Cyg occulted for six consecutive hours, the intrinsic line profile variations of the primary component can be studied even without the (weak) contamination and dilution by the secondary star. It has been noticed, in secondary eclipse, that many metal lines show a peculiar line core with a similar asymmetry, as illustrated for the Si III triplet in Fig. 5. Spectroscopic monitoring should confirm that this is due to non-radial pulsations.

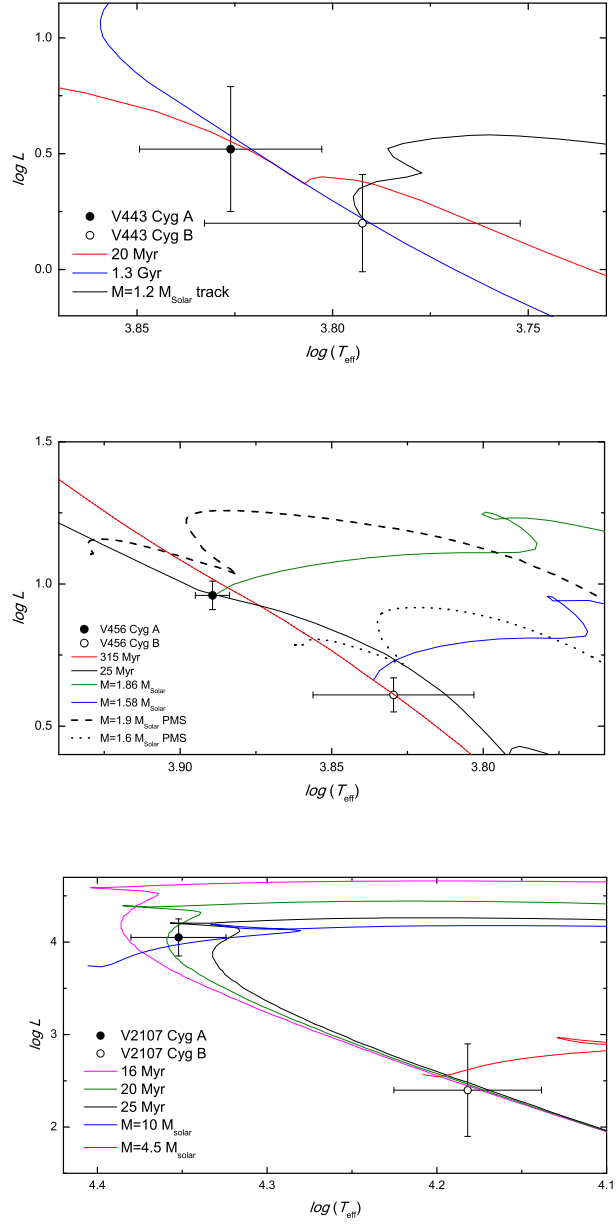


Fig. 9.— Locations of program stars in the $\log L - \log T_{\text{eff}}$ plane together with evolutionary tracks and isochrone curves. Tracks and isochrones for V456 Cyg are calculated for $Z=0.035$ (full line) and $Z=0.020$ (dashed, PMS), respectively.

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